

Father,  
Providence, Dec. 5, 1867

Mrs. Helen E. Garrison,  
Highland Street,  
Roxbury, Mass.



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Dear Wife:

Joining "uncle Henry" at the Roxbury depot, we made the usual time to Providence, arriving at five minutes before 5, P. M. Frederick was waiting our arrival; and, procuring a hack for us, Henry and I rode to Benevolent St., but did not find Charlotte at home, as she was out soliciting aid for the "Shelter," the burden of which is, mainly, I have no doubt, resting upon her from year to year. She came home soon afterward, and, with Miss Forbes, expressed pleasure on seeing me back again. Jemima also greeted me with her usual heartiness. Julia <sup>Adie</sup> Eddy came over to take tea with us, and I promised her that I would dine and take tea at her father's house to-day. Henry, Charlotte, Mary, Sarah, &c., are also invited, with some others. Charlotte will probably not be with us. Julia was looking uncommonly well, and was very hearty in her manner. I told her she strongly resembled Lady Amherst. Frederick is so

taciturn and undemonstrative that I should think she would consider him rather a cold lover. It seems to me a hard case to have her hopes of marriage so long deferred; for, as he is out of business, the prospect is no more promising, apparently, than when the courtship began.

I saw Phoebe Jackson in the street an hour ago, and promised to call and see her to-morrow forenoon. She lives within three or four minutes' walk off Charlotte's, on Benefit Street. She said she was busily at work for the Freedmen, and told uncle Henry she would gladly accept cloth, flannels, or money, at his hands, in the way of contribution. I have no doubt he is very frequently called upon for all kinds of charitable donations. Phoebe has grown fleshy, and is looking quite round in the face.

I have just returned from visiting Dr. Dow's new establishment, - the house formerly occupied by Phoebe. As remodelled, everything is in good style and convenient shape; but something more remains to be done to get it in perfect

order. The outlay of money has been very considerable, of course; and it will require a good deal of patronage to "pay the way." The Doctor thinks favorably of you trying the "movement cure." Mrs. Dow is bustling and hopeful, and will not object to any amount of care, provided the patients will come. She was much pleased with the carved Swiss box that I presented to her. The Dr. would like to have me try the electric baths, &c., after my return from New York, for at least a week or two, believing that they are just what I need at this time. Of course, he gives his opinion as a friend, as well as a physician. If I do not improve by my New York trip, I may conclude to make the experiment.

I am going immediately to call upon Sarah and Mary,

The day is very pleasant here, as I trust it is at Rockledge. By the way, Charlotte is much gratified at having the photograph of our place. Looking at it, it almost seems as if I really was standing at the gate.

If there are any severely cold days while I am gone, be careful about sitting too long at the window. I am satisfied you incur no little risk in so doing. You should keep warm at any rate, by extra shawls if necessary.

I want William to give the Panacea a fair trial, so as to test its merits. Even if he is feeling better already, let him use the entire bottle. The state of his blood~~s~~ needs it.

I shall call to see Julia's sisters before leaving.

If to-morrow the weather is as pleasant as to-day, I shall go to New-York in a propeller, via Point Judith. Should it storm, I shall probably take the Shore Line at half past 12, and go through by railroad and by daylight.

I shall hope to hear from you - and from Fanny also - before my return home.

Love to all the children, and to Julia, whose kindness I very gratefully appreciate.

Most lovingly yours own

W. L. G.

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